

Slaughter	Thompson (MS)	Watson
Smith (NE)	Tiahrt	Watt
Smith (NJ)	Tiberi	Waxman
Smith (TX)	Tierney	Weiner
Snyder	Tsongas	Welch (VT)
Solis	Turner	Weldon (FL)
Souder	Udall (CO)	Westmoreland
Space	Udall (NM)	Wexler
Speier	Upton	Whitfield (KY)
Spratt	Van Hollen	Wilson (NM)
Stark	Velázquez	Wilson (OH)
Stearns	Visclosky	Wilson (SC)
Stupak	Walberg	Wittman (VA)
Sullivan	Walden (OR)	Wolf
Sutton	Walsh (NY)	Woolsey
Tanner	Walz (MN)	Wu
Tauscher	Wamp	Yarmuth
Taylor	Wasserman	Young (AK)
Terry	Schultz	Young (FL)
Thompson (CA)	Waters	

NAYS—18

Bilbray	Flake	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Gonzalez	Pence
Campbell (CA)	Hensarling	Tancredo
Cantor	Issa	Thornberry
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel	Weller
Cuellar	E.	
Davis, Tom	Neugebauer	

NOT VOTING—20

Andrews	Hodes	Melancon
Boucher	Hulshof	Peterson (MN)
Carnahan	Lee	Pitts
Cazayoux	Levin	Sensenbrenner
Ellison	McCrery	Smith (WA)
Engel	McNulty	Towns
Gordon	Meeks (NY)	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, due to personal matters, today I missed rollcall vote No. 570 on final passage of H. Con. Res. 344, rollcall vote No. 571 on final passage of H. Res. 937, rollcall vote No. 572 on final passage of H. Res. 1069, rollcall No. 573 on final passage of H. Res. 1307, rollcall vote No. 574 on final passage of H.R. 6168, and rollcall vote No. 575 on final passage of H.R. 6630. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these rollcall votes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 8, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI
Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 8, 2008, at 3:22 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a determination concerning Presidential Declaration 2008-19 and the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION—MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-145)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

On May 13, 2008, I transmitted a message to the Congress transmitting the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "proposed Agreement"), pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act").

In view of recent actions by the Government of the Russian Federation incompatible with peaceful relations with its sovereign and democratic neighbor Georgia, I have determined that the determination regarding the proposed Agreement in Presidential Determination 2008-19 is no longer effective. Accordingly, a statutory prerequisite for the proposed Agreement to become effective, as required by section 123 b. of the Act, is no longer satisfied. If circumstances should permit future reconsideration of the proposed Agreement, a new determination will be made and the proposed Agreement will be submitted for congressional review pursuant to section 123 of the Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 8, 2008.

IN MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE
STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, how can words adequately describe someone who is larger than life? Stephanie Tubbs Jones was a change-maker and a risk-taker. As a woman, she helped blaze a trail for generations to follow, first in her role as a prosecutor, then a judge, then as Ohio's first African American female Member of Congress.

To me personally, Stephanie was a mentor and a role model. Someone who didn't hesitate to pull me aside when I first came to Washington and give me advice, from my wardrobe to my hair, Stephanie kept it real, because that is exactly what she was in every sense of the word.

Above all else, though, Stephanie was my friend, and one of my first friends here in Washington. Her room-filling energy, her passion, her dedication, her voice for the downtrodden, all of these will be missed by the people of Ohio. Her intelligence, her expertise, her counsel will be missed by all of us here in this Chamber.

And me? Well, Mr. Speaker, I will miss my friend.

TAXES DRIVING INVESTMENT IN
OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION
OVERSEAS

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I got a magazine from a good friend, a former colleague of ours, Chris John, who is now the president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. All of our colleagues got this magazine. I want to quote from his introduction in this magazine:

"The path of the Washington Democrats, with a few notable exceptions, is to repeal tax incentives and possibly levy other taxes on the industry, with the money going to the development of alternative fuels. This will do nothing to lower gasoline prices or increase crude oil supplies. In fact, enactment of such a plan would discourage new investment in exploration and production in the United States and send those dollars overseas."

Now, Chris is a good friend and a former colleague, one that we all trust and appreciate his service. He is right on this issue. We should not drive our investment in oil and gas exploration overseas by burdening them with new taxes.

□ 1900

HONORING LAUREN ARANA, NINTH
GRADE STUDENT, HOOVER HIGH
SCHOOL (GLENDALE)

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great appreciation and admiration for Hoover High School student Lauren Arana, who saved her friend's life earlier this year. I am truly proud to have Lauren, who is now a 10th grade student from Glendale, as a constituent of mine.

On May 14, Lauren received a text message from a friend of hers in Nebraska who said that she was going to commit suicide. Lauren did not hesitate for a second in responding to this call for help. She immediately took the initiative to try and contact her friend's mother, and when she was unsuccessful, she contacted her friend's school in Sioux City, Nebraska.

Upon receiving Lauren's call, an assistant principal stepped into action